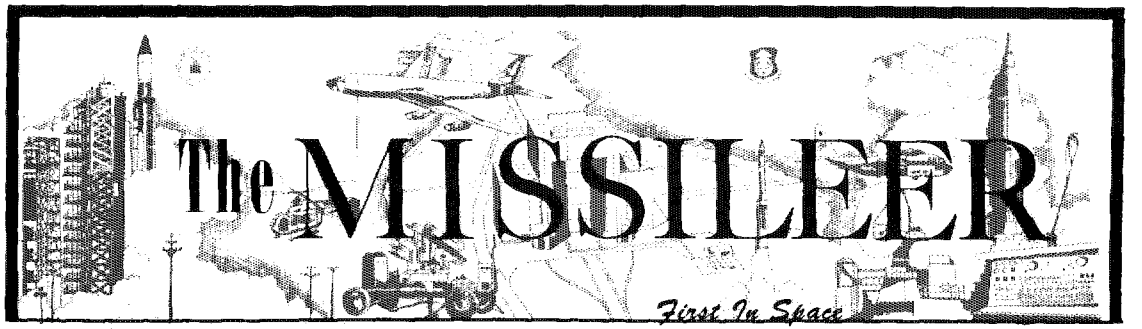




LEGION OF MERIT — Col. John H. Boyle, executive officer of the Air Force Eastern Test Range, presents the Legion of Merit award to Col. Vincent J. Donahue (Ret.), now with Pan American Security in Cocoa Beach, Fla. The Legion of Merit is the highest military non-combat award. It was given for Colonel Donahue's outstanding contributions to Air Force security policies and procedures from July 23, 1965, to Sept. 30, 1967, when he was deputy director of the Security Police, Inspector General, Headquarters, USAF, Washington, D.C.



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Training NCO Receives Quarterly Range Honors

SSgt. Richard L. Hamilton, training NCOIC of the 6551st Security Police Squadron, has been selected as the Air Force Eastern Test Range's Outstanding NCO of the fourth quarter for 1967.

According to Maj. William M. Stephens, chief of the 6551st Security Police Squadron, Sergeant Hamilton's display of job knowledge, leadership and ability to obtain the maximum production from subordinates without creating dissatisfaction resulted in his assignment to the

unit training section.

Major Stephens added, "Sergeant Hamilton utilizes many off-duty hours in preparation for classroom instruction and counseling of personnel who otherwise would not obtain the desired knowledge in the required time."

He also mentioned that since Sergeant Hamilton's assignment to the training section, the 6551st Security Police Squadron has been successful in upgrading 11 men to the 3-level, 19 to the 5-level and 3 to the 7-level.

"During this time," said Major Stephens, "there hasn't been a failure on any Skill Knowledge Test (SKT)."

A native of Pennsylvania, Sergeant Hamilton entered the Air Force in July of 1962. Upon completion of basic training he attended the Security Police School at Lackland AFB, Tex., and finished as "Honor Graduate."

Before coming to Patrick March 30, 1966, he served in the Republic of Vietnam, L. G.

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Medical Supply Specialist Earns Top Monthly Award

A1C Stephen C. Way, a medical materiel specialist at the 6550th USAF Hospital, has been selected as Patrick's Outstanding Serviceman of the Month for December.

According to MSgt. Thomas E. Fields, NCOIC of medical

materiel, 6550th USAF Hospital, Airman Way demonstrated considerable ability in the procurement of supplies, and is now performing the responsibilities normally assigned to a staff sergeant.

"He has often gone beyond his normal duties by volunteering to open the linen room on holidays and reporting early to

inspect the work of the night custodian," said Sergeant Fields. He also mentioned that Airman Way was awarded the Honor Roll Certificate for scoring 95% on his 5-level Skill Knowledge Test (SKT).

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Airman Way enlisted in the Air Force June 9, 1966. After completing basic training he attended the Medical Helper and Medical Materiel Specialist courses at Sheppard AFB, Tex. He was assigned to the 6550th USAF Hospital Oct. 14, 1966.

Airman Way spends much of his off duty time taking courses through the United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI). He recently completed a typing course and is currently taking a college mathematics course.



TEACHING CLASS — SSgt. Richard L. Hamilton, training NCOIC of the 6551st Security Police Squadron, briefs a group of security policemen on the M-16 rifle. Sergeant Hamilton was selected as the Air Force Eastern Test Range's Outstanding Serviceman for the fourth quarter of 1967. (Photo by Amn. Gary Banas)

New Office Established

Air Force members preparing to return to civilian life may now receive assistance from the recently established Project Transition office at Patrick. The office, which comes directly under the Deputy for Personnel, is headed by SMSgt. Carrol W. Craig, base Project Transition officer.

The Department of Defense (DOD) established Project Transition to assist military personnel to prepare for civilian careers while they are still in the service. The project is part of the Federal Government's program to give veterans returning to civilian life the greatest possible help in finding jobs. Project Transition will provide service personnel needed training before discharge, so they will be employable in civilian life.

Sergeant Craig was among the students from 43 Air Force locations throughout the world who attended a 30-hour orientation in the new project at Amarillo AFB, Tex. He said the following categories of personnel are eligible for help under Project Transition: all personnel who complete a normal tour of duty, are separated, retired with a disability, or resign from active duty under honorable conditions. Assistance is limited to enlisted personnel, he said.

The Project Transition office will contact each eligible person eight months before his date of expiration of service (DOS) and ask him to complete a DOD questionnaire. Then the office will schedule him for counseling to discuss his future plans for civilian life or the military service.

"Depending upon a man's desire, educational qualifications and experience, every effort will be expended to help him pursue the occupation which he desires," Sergeant Craig said.

About 340 Patrick people are due to complete the questionnaire early this month, and

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KEYPUNCHING — A1C Stephen C. Way, a medical materiel specialist at the 6550th USAF Hospital, keypunches the daily transactions for the medical materiel section. Airman Way was selected as the Air Force Eastern Test Range's Outstanding Serviceman of the Month for December. (Photo by Amn. Gary Banas)

Concerts Set At Theater

A series of variety musical concerts, sponsored by the Cocoa Beach Community Concert Association, began Monday at the base theater and will continue through the early months of this year. The first program was a piano and violin duo.

Each performance will begin at 8:30 p.m. The next concert will be a piano duo on Feb. 26. April 8, William Warfield, a popular baritone, will give his performance. Kay Britton, a folk singer, is scheduled for a March performance, the exact date will be announced later.

Tickets are on sale at the base theater and the Comet Service Club.

Patrick Officers Among Many Identified For AFIT Program

Nine Patrick officers are among the 1,400 officers in grades second lieutenant through lieutenant colonel whom the Air Force has identified for entry in the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) advanced education program in fiscal year 1969.

Selections were made from more than 2,200 candidates against a quota of 1,552. Remaining vacancies will be filled by graduates from the Air Force Academy, Reserve Officers Training Corps and Officer Training Corps.

An additional 179 spaces for special Air Force education will be filled outside the normal board process. The training includes preparatory work for faculty positions at the Air Force Academy, AFIT, the Air University staff and the Academy cadet special masters program.

Of the selectees announced last week, almost 100 are doctoral candidates. More than 1,000 will enter master degree programs, 101 will seek a bachelor degree and 142 are non-degree candidates for the education-with-industry program.

AT PATRICK

Those selected from Patrick AFB are: Capt. Robert S. Delaney, Capt. Louis M. DeCarlo, Capt. James H. Loos, Capt. John J. Sullivan, 1st Lt. Otis F. Scarborough Jr., 1st Lt. Duane H. Uken, 1st Lt. Marc L. Sabin, 1st Lt. Nathan Kanter

and 2nd Lt. James R. Anderson.

The most competitive programs, where candidates exceeded quotas by a substantial

margin, were business administration, production and procurement, and all PhD programs.



FIRST OF 1968 — Angela Maria Simon is the first baby born in 1968 at the 6550th USAF Hospital. The 7 pound 2½ ounce baby girl is the daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Donald Simon. The captain is chief of medical food services, 1360th USAF Hospital, Orlando AFB, Fla. Mrs. Simon was visiting with friends in the Patrick area when the stork decided to make its visit. (Photo by Amn. Gary Banas)